



Here as the Quenes Maiestie by her Proclamation dyd adiourne the Terme of Saint Michaell last past, vntyll the fyrst day of Hyllary Terme nexte commyng, then to begyn at Westminster, as in tymes past hath ben accustomed, hauing then good hope that before that tyme the plague in the Cities of London and Westminster woulde haue ceased. And forasmuch as the same plague doth not so much diminish, as therof any assured accompt may be made, that the assemblie of her louyng Subiectes may without peryll be made at Westminster aforesayd, at the said tyme appoynted: Therefore her hyghnes hath thought it expedient, by thaduice of her Counsell, to adiourne the sayde Hyllary Terme, from Westminster aforesayde,

vnto her hyghnes Castell of Hertford, in the Countie of Hertford, there to begyn *Quindena sancti Hillarii* nexte commyng. which her hyghnes doeth signifie vnto all her louyng Subiectes by this her Proclamation, wplyng and commaundyng them and euery of them, to whom it doth apperteyne, to obserue and kepe theyr assemblies and apparaunces, in all and euery her hyghnes Courtes at the sayde *Quindena*, there to be holden in lyke manner, fourme, and condition, as they woulde, shoulde, or ought to haue done, if the same Terme and Courtes had ben holden and kept at Westminster, as they and euery of them wyll aunswere at theyr peryls: any thyng in her Maiesties former Proclamation to the contrary notwithstanding. And neuerthelesse her Maiesties pleasure is, that two of her Iustices, that is to saye, of eyther Benche one, shall the fyrst day of this next Hyllary Terme, called *Octabis Hillarii*, accordyng to the auncient order of her lawes, kepe the esoynes of the sayde *Octab. Hillarii*. At which *was* of Saint Hyllarii, writtes of adiournement shalbe directed to the sayde Iustices, geuyng them authoritie to adiourne the sayde Hyllary Terme from Westminster aforesayde, vnto the sayde Castell of Hertford, there to begyn *Quindena sancti Hillarii*, then next ensuyng: and the same adiournement shalbe made the fyfthe daye of the sayde *was*, commonly called the day of the esoynes.

And further, her Maiestie consideryng, that yf there shoulde happen to be any accesse and apparaunce of her louyng Subiectes at the sayd Castell or Towne of Hertford, duryng the sayde Terme, of such as haue ben lately infected with the plague, or other wyse of suche as haue had the plague in theyr houses, there myght ensue great peryll and danger to those that haue as yet ben cleare thereof, and so a further inconuenience myght growe thereby to the rest of the Realme: wherefore her hyghnes in aduoydyng therof, doeth straghtly charge & commaunde, that no such person or persons that so haue ben infected, or haue had the plague in theyr houses, of what estate or degree he or they be of, shall repayre vnto the said Castell or Towne of Hertford, during the said Hyllary Terme, except he or they be or shalbe commaunded by processe, or other wyse hath speciall commaundement to be there. And that euery such person so infected, vpon his repayre to the sayde Castell or Towne, shall before he enter into any house within the sayde Towne, or into the sayde Castell, openly notifie and declare his estate touchyng his infection, and shall after, duryng the time of his abode there, beare and holde vp in his hand one whyte rodde of the length of one yarde, vpon payne of her Maiesties displeasure, and imprisonment of theyr bodies duryng her hyghnes pleasure. And further, her Maiestie straghtly chargeth and commaundeth all Iustices of peace of the sayde Countie of Hertford, dwelling within twelue myles of the sayde Towne and Castell of Hertford, and all Constables, Baylyffes, and head officers of any Borowes, Townes, Villages, or Hamlettes, within eyght myles of the sayde Towne and Castell of Hertford, that they and euery of them, shall from the daye of the proclaymyng of this Proclamation within the sayde Countie, do theyr best endeouours to make and set forth such good orders, as by the goodnes of God maye tende most to the preservation of all places within the same circuite of eyght myles, from infection of the plague, and for that purpose to assemble them selues together wekely, from the tyme of the proclaymyng of this Proclamation, vntyll the ende of the sayde Hyllary Terme, in some places conuenient, as well for the deuyfing, as for the execution of suche good orders. And that the sayde Iustices of peace, shall in the fyrst day of the sayde Hyllary Terme, signifie and declare to the Lorde keeper of the great Seale of Englande, all that they and the sayde Constables, and other the sayde officers, shall then haue done in and about the premises.

Deuen at her Maiesties Castell of Wyndso: the .x. day of December, in the fyrt yere of her Maiesties raigne.

God saue the Quene.

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